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Having been an unwilling Microsoft user for some time, I have quite a few comments in regards to how Microsoft should be dealt with. Microsoft should be required to port Win32 Emulators and Direct X to Linux and Macintosh computers. Microsoft has had a stranglehold on the gaming industry; requiring that they expand their proprietary software to other platforms will aide in giving gaming companies choice, and providing for consumer freedom.

Microsoft should also be required to release full source code within a two to three year period. This permits watchdog groups to analyze Microsoft's work in WindowsXP (and later OS'), so that it can be assured that Microsoft is, (a) not purposely placing barriers in its software, against competition; and (b) security flaws can be identified, when they arise, and independent groups have the ability to react.

Microsoft .NET should receive heavy government attention, and be both open source and restriction free, for other companies to improve upon Microsoft's foundation.